

School District of West Salem
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019
Marie Heider Meeting Room – 7:00 p.m.

Convene

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jane Halverson. The meeting was noticed to the Coulee Courier, La Crosse Tribune, WLSU Radio 89 FM, WXOW TV-19, WKBT-TV, WKTY, WIZM, Union State Bank, First Community Credit Union, St. Joe's Country Market, River Bank-Barre Mills, West Salem Post Office, Village of West Salem, posted at each school, district web site, and district office on March 21, 2019.

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Tom Grosskopf led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and Robin Fitzgerald recited the District Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Present: Jane Halverson, Ken Schlimgen, Tom Grosskopf, Catherine Griffin, Robin Fitzgerald, and Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield. Also in attendance – Administrators: Troy Gunderson, Eric Jensen, Mike Malott (7:55), Deanna Wiatt (7:04), and Shawn Handland; Student representatives: Rachel Newton and Dagan Hemker. Recording secretary: Patrick Bahr. Excused: Ryan Rieber, Ben Wopat and Syl Clements.

Approval of Agenda

Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield moved, Mr. Schlimgen seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Connection with the Community

Rachel Newton, Student Representative, reported on:

1. Last Wednesday, March 20, Samantha Thompson, Nick Vallmar, and Dalton Shams were honored in a signing ceremony for being outstanding student-athletes
2. The high school track season is underway. There was a scrimmage at St. Mary's on March 21; compete at UWL on March 23 with the girls' team placing 10th and the boys' team placing 6th.

Dagan Hemker, Student Representative, reported on:

1. WSHS Forensics team had their District competition on March 16. All members who attended the competition advanced to the state competition on April 12: Lexi Giblin, Marissa Harris, Chloe Ipsen, Danielle Miller, Samantha Quam, Alyssa Szewczyk, Megan Lassig, Arin Miller, Shelby Burch, and Stephanie Sesevold.
2. On Friday, March 16, the Visual Arts Classic Team competed at the La Crosse VAC regional competition. Twelve students competed, and the entire team placed first and will advance to the state competition in April at the University of Wisconsin-Madison: Mahli Fleckenstein, Matthew Baldwin, Abby Sharp, Emma Deal, Ada Hage, Morgan Lance, Megan Lassig, Alyssa Szewczyk, Kendra Davidson, Abby LeDoux, Samantha Quam, Claudia Dorado, and Anna Johnson.

3. The high school Odyssey of the Mind team placed first at state on Saturday (March 23rd) and received an invitation to attend the national competition: Sasha Grueneis, Kevin Helgeson, Ed Schmitz, Samantha Olver, Mahli Fleckenstein, and coached by Becky Tower.

Correspondence

A thank you note from Christy Brodsky was read.

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Information on 2019 WASB Spring Workshops was shared with the Board.

Public comments – None.

Written and Oral Reports

Policy Committee – Mrs. Griffin reported on the meeting held earlier this evening.

District Strategic initiatives update by the Business Operations Team and Troy Gunderson were reviewed.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2019; the invoices to be paid, the retirement/resignation of Elementary School Teacher Christy Brodsky; to accept the administration's recommendation for volunteer coaches: tennis-Dennis Kreuser and Lisa Hehli, softball-Ron Sloan, track-Justin Stakston, girls' soccer-Lino Cortez; and the WIAA Cooperative for 19-20 and 20-21 for girls' hockey. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Action Items:

Mr. Schlingen moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to accept donations from Dennis and Barbara Manthei for a high school scholarship, an anonymous donation through donorschoose.org for the middle school, from the Elementary PTO for elementary Environment Day, and from Russ and Sandy Brieske for the middle school library. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to approve for a second reading of Policy #821.5 District Use of Social Media and #361.1 Acceptable Use of Technology. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Fitzgerald seconded to approve the CESA contracts for services for the 19-20 school year as presented. Motion withdrawn. No other action was taken as the Board requested additional information.

A revised draft of the 2019-2020 budget process following the election on April 2, 2019, was reviewed by Mr. Gunderson for financial planning purposes. No action was taken.

Mr. Gunderson share information in preparation for the upcoming Board Development Meeting on March 27, 2019. No action was taken.

Mr. Schlimgen moved, Mrs. Griffin seconded to adopt the budget adjustments for the 18-19 school year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The list of to do items / information requests was reviewed and recommended updates were noted. Hockey agreement/cost review, orange frog information, Tasha Schuh presentation for fall-invite School Board to attend. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Mrs. Griffin moved, Mrs. Kopnisky-Bloomfield seconded to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Kopnisky-Bloomfield, Clerk